

Conservation Security Program

South Carolina Natural Resources Conservation Service

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If you can answer “yes” to the the following questions, you could be eligible to participate in CSP--

- 1) Do you have cropland, hayland, pastureland, vineyards and/or orchards that you wish to enroll in CSP?
- 2) Do you own or have control of the land you intend to enroll in CSP for the length of the proposed 5 to 10 year contract period?
- 3) Do you share in the risk of producing the crop or livestock on this farm?
- 4) Is your cropland and pastureland free of active gullies or other erosion problems?
- 5) Do you have at least two years of records of your pest and waste management methods and applications for the acres you wish to enroll?
- 6) Do you manage your nutrient usage and have records showing soil tests at least once in the past three years for the acreage you wish to enroll?
- 7) Do you rotate your cattle and keep records of the rotation?
- 8) Do you practice residue management on at least a portion of your farmland?

The Watershed Approach

CSP focuses on high priority watersheds to allow NRCS to provide quality service to more applicants. Priority watersheds were selected based on--

- ◆ wide variety of land uses
- ◆ high-priority resource issues
- ◆ history of good land stewardship
- ◆ availability of necessary technical tools

You've decided you want to apply for CSP. Now what?

1. Access the CSP workbook either online, pick up a hard copy at the local USDA Service Center, or attend a CSP workshop. Using the workbook, you will:
 - ◆ determine whether you meet the basic eligibility requirements
 - ◆ document your stewardship work to date
 - ◆ prepare benchmark inventory documenting conservation treatments you have undertaken so far
2. Submit the completed workbook to the Service Center during the sign-up period (expected in February 2005).
3. Meet with NRCS personnel to go over any additional documentation.
4. NRCS determines the enrollment category for which the producer qualifies.
5. Finally, NRCS will select the categories to be funded for CSP contracts.

*CSP is a
voluntary
program that
provides financial
and technical
assistance to
promote the
conservation and
improvement of
soil, water, air,
energy, plant and
animal life, and
other conservation
purposes on Tribal
and private
working lands.*



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Self-Assessment Workshops

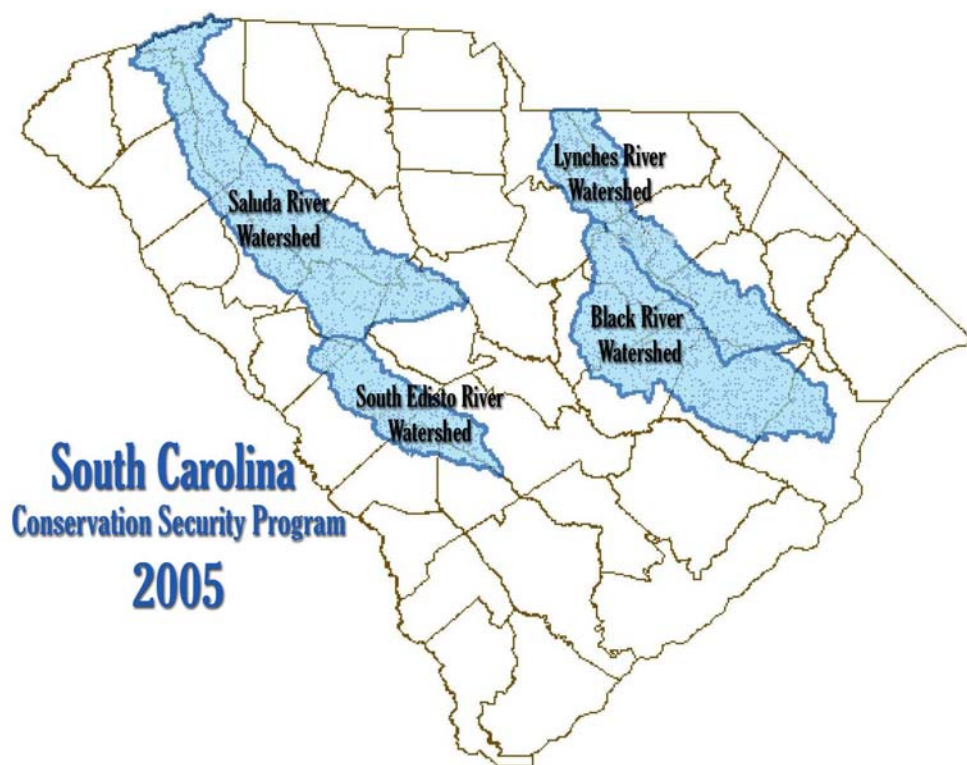
NRCS will hold Self-Assessment workshops in January 2005. These workshops will help you to determine your eligibility, describe program benefits, and assist you in filling out the self-assessment. If you are interested in participating in a workshop, please call your local NRCS office.

SIGN-UP: March 28-May 27, 2005

Make an appointment with your local NRCS office by using the contact numbers on the right. You will need to bring your self-assessment and the required documentation

During your interview, the NRCS staff will confirm the information in your self-assessment. They can also help you identify future work you would like to complete to conserve resources on your land.

Based on this information, your local NRCS staff will determine the category in which you are eligible. They will then help you finalize your conservation plan.



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For more information, visit the website at www.sc.nrcs.usda.gov, or contact your local NRCS field office.

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Bamberg	803-245-4311
Barnwell	803-259-7144
Chesterfield	843-623-2187
Clarendon	803-435-2612
Darlington	843-393-0483
Edgefield	803-637-3220
Florence	843-669-9686
Georgetown	843-546-7808
Kershaw	803-432-2576
Lancaster	803-286-4455
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